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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **David Zhang, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1634**

Application No.: **09/978,261**

Examiner: **Frank Lu**

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For: **NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION METHODS**

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PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3) and MPEP § 201.11 subsection V, Applicants respectfully petition to claim benefit to prior filed applications under 35 U.S.C. § 120. By filing this Petition along with the required fee Applicants respectfully submit that the subject Application Serial Number 09/978,261 (the "'261 Application") is entitled to claim priority to the prior-filed applications identified in the Amendment to the Specification on page 2 of this paper. This Petition is supported by the Declaration of Amy Wilson (cited as "Wilson Dec."). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Petition be granted.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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